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Dear Mr. Navasky,

Although there is little prospect of a CIA direc or who is in any way better than Judge Webster, you may find a story about him as judge interesting.

In brief, he sentenced James Earl Ray's brother John to 48 years for allegedly driving the "switch" car for a man acquitted of robbing a bank.

James Lesar was ^{not} then John's lawyer. Later he was an if you are interested he can provide you with all the information. He is at 918 B F St., NW, #509, Washington 20004.

I have no recent address for John, who has been moved from jail to jail and as my last knowledge he was somewhere in Wisconsin.

He can be reached through his sister, Carol Pepper, 523 Franru Lane, St. Louis, Mo. 63125. If she has moved, Jimmy hasn't. He is #65477 at the Tenn. State Pen., Nashville, TN.

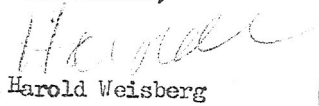
If you write any of them use my name. They all trust me and they are all a little paranoid about those they don't know and too many they do know.

Unless he is close to getting out, as he should be by now, John would probably write you in some detail. I've never known him to lie but he has some beliefs I find strange.

I have no doubt that John was framed because the FBI thought he was holding out on it about Jimmy, with whom he never got along and hadn't seen or spoken to in years.

I've not yet read Tony Marrods review of the biography of Hoover but you may be interesting in knowing that another one is about due, by Prof. Athan Theoharis of Marquette Univ. May be overdue.

Best wishes,


Harold Weisberg